

The PROGRESS

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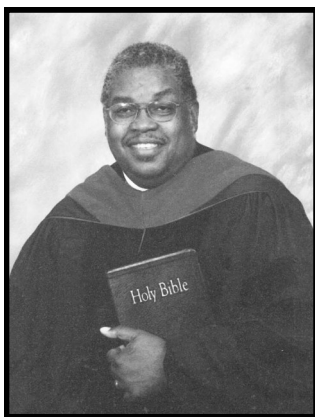
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The Pastor's Corner

Rev. Wayne P. Snodgrass, D. Min.

We praise God for all of you who were so encouraging during the celebration of the 25th Anniversary. How can we say, "Thanks" to all of you? We will try by our witness and by our ministry. May we forever be deserving of your love.



Rev. Wayne Snodgrass

Matthew 25:1-13 gives the account of the Ten Virgins. The circumstances were taken from the marriage customs among the Jews, and explain the great day of Christ's coming. Sincere Christians are the wise virgins, and hypocrites represent the foolish ones. Many have a "lamp of profession" in their hands, but not in their hearts, which are needed to carry them through the trials of their present circumstances. Our light must shine before all in good works; but this is not likely to be long done, unless there is a solid principle in our heart, of faith in Christ, and love for God and our sisters or brothers. That is why we are so active in trying to implement the concept of the Five Star Church. Let me once again encourage you to come to Wednesday Bible Study and learn the principles that will help us to be a better church family. Too many church folk grow negligent. One degree of carelessness makes way for another. Those that allow themselves to "slumber" will soon begin sleeping.

Last month, we also had the first session of our Cancer Support Ministry, led by Sis. Rosalyn Alexander. This ministry is open to the community, and to anyone who needs information, and comfort, as they, or others they know, encounter this disease. We are

looking to be a blessing to so many.

It is our desire that we as a church family will do what we can to help others come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We believe we can be the witnesses that lead others to know the Savior.

Let us put away the trivial things that separate us and celebrate Christ. It was in his victory that he told us that there is more that God has in store for those who love him. Walk in faith and may we forever stand, *a Church in the Word, making a difference in the World!*

PROGRESS Deadline

Articles for the April PROGRESS are due Sunday, March 27 2011. Please place your articles in the PROGRESS mailbox located in the FCLC or e-mail them to: progress@pumbchurch.org.

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

8:00 a.m.

1463

Average per Sunday

366

11:00 a.m.

1443

Average per Sunday

361

Lady Evening Night (February 5)

278

4th Sunday Evening Services

(February 27)

90

2011



Graduates

Attention 2011 graduates!!! In the May issue of the PROGRESS we will feature all members who are graduating during the months of May and June. If you are graduating from K4 through College, please complete a Graduation Data Form located in the foyers of the Church sanctuary and the FCLC. (Please do not use the School Days Form). Your completed form can be returned to the PROGRESS mailbox located in the FCLC. If you desire to include a picture with your information, please do so, the picture will be scanned and returned to you promptly. Deadline for graduation information is Sunday, April 24, 2011. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Greg Miley, 859-5453.

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD” PART 5

Another month and another trip to Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women carrying children to visit their mothers. This time I was accompanied by James Bailey, James White, Brenda Schumake, and Calvin Stallworth all of PU and Jonathan Heath of Asbury United Methodist of Madison. We assisted sixteen children and six guardians to make the visit.

The saddest part of the trip was that we had to use three fifteen passenger vans to carry the participants. This was the largest number ever to make the trip.

If we reach out to our young women and show them a more promising life we can start “Making a Difference in the World”.

Also we discussed in our Brotherhood and Transportation meetings the trends of our young people. Scripture says ‘train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it’. Parents we are responsible for our children, since we brought them into the world. Let’s get more involved in their spiritual and academic lives. Our children are the leaders of the tomorrow. Training them in the proper way will help start “Making a Difference in the World”.

Submitted by James E. Smith

Some background on Aid to Inmate Mothers

(AIMs) – The AIMs monthly visitation was started almost 20 years ago. Each month over one hundred children are transported by volunteers to Tutwiler and the Edwina Mitchell Center in the Montgomery, Alabama area, for a three hour visit with their mothers. The goal is to make the atmosphere during the visit one of warmth and openness, in which the mothers and children can maintain or rebuild their relationship.

The visit is just for mothers and children, no other family members are allowed to come, unless the child is under 6. It is a time set aside for bonding, for remembering what they have lost, and what they have to go back to.

Deployed Military Addresses

Below is the mailing address of two deployed members. Regular mail (now called snail mail) will BOOST their morale and uplift their spirits when they hear their names called out loud during “Mail Call”. Please continue to pray for these soldiers listed below and all of our military personnel that are deployed.

Paul Curry
HHC, 525 BfSB
FOB Spin Boldak
APO AE 09355

Anthony Pringle
160th Signal Battalion
APO AE Kuwait 09366

We welcome other addresses and will be glad to publish them, contact the church secretary at 256-534-8266 or e-mail the PROGRESS staff at progress@pumbchurch.org.

We are please to announce that Theodore Cook, Jr., has completed his latest tour of duty in Afghanistan and has returned to his home unit at Ft. Campbell. We thank God for his safe return.

Tithes and Offering Reports

The 2010 tax season has begun and now is the time to request tithes and offering information. Members desiring a copy of their 2010 tithes and offering donations are reminded that reports are available by request only. Requests should be made to the Church Accountant, Janice Crutcher, or the Church Secretary, Rachel Moore, 534-8266. Married

couples should specify if they desire a combined report or separate reports for each person. Avoid the rush, make your request now.

Titus Group Visitation

The Titus II group will visit the Whitesburg Manor Health Care Center on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The visit is a monthly visit for the group, held on each second Sunday in the month. If you are interested in becoming a part of the visitation or need additional information please contact Sister Izora Harrison, 852-1944. Additionally the Titus II group monthly meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month immediately following mid-day Bible study, approximately 12:30 p.m.

Time Change

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 2:00 a.m. Remember it will be Spring so set your clocks ahead one hour (spring forward). Before retiring on the evening of March 12, set your clock, we wouldn't want you to miss the Sunday worship services.

PROM 411

ANNUAL INFORMATION WORKSHOP

WHEN: Saturday - MARCH 12, 2011
11:00 A.M. -12:30 P.M.

WHERE: PROGRESSIVE UNION M.B. CHURCH
CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROOM

TARGET AUDIENCE: 9TH-12TH GRADERS. Prom Dates & Friends are Welcome. Valuable information to assist you with your 1st Prom or 4th Prom! Topics include: Proper Attire, Prom Etiquette, Prom Night Safety Tips, etc. Refreshments! Prizes! Guest presenter is Ms. Melanie S. Smith, her biography is below.

Melanie S. Smith is a Christian motivational speaker, business owner and a product manager for a Fortune 500 organization; whose purpose in life is to turn the hearts of girls toward God. Drawing from her experience in pageantry and coupling it with her desire to train young women to live life from the inside out; she is able to creatively inspire and motivate young girls to find their true in identities in Christ.

Melanie is a native of Greenville, Alabama and currently resides in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. She graduated magna cum laude from Alabama A&M University with a Bachelor's in Food Science (2002) and a Master's in Business Administration (2005). She represented Alabama A&M University in the 2002 Miss Alabama Pageant, a preliminary to Miss America.

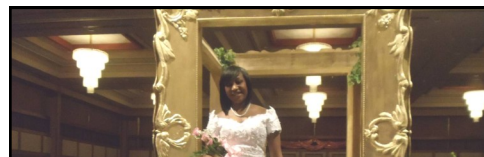
Melanie is an active member of New Birth Ministries in Florence, AL. There she serves as an intercessor, praise dance team leader, event coordinator, and office administrator.

She believes that you were fearfully and wonderfully made... You were designed with destiny in mind!



Melanie Smith

53rd Debutante Ball



Britni



Jeraye and
Mother Deanna



Semaje and
Mother Neshonne

Progressive Union was represented in the 53rd Annual Alpha Kappa Alpha Debutante Ball, held on Friday, February 25, 2011. The event was held at the Von Braun Center North Hall. Our one debutante was Britni Phillips, the daughter of Charles and Lee Phillips. Serving as marshals were Semaje Kendall, son of David and Neshonne McDonald and Mycah Jeraye Robinson, son of Mycah and Deanna Robinson. Congratulations to all.

Nurses Guild Blood Drive

The Progressive Union Nurses Guild will host their annual Blood Drive on Sunday, April 3, 2011, 1:00 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m., at the FCLC. The drive is sponsored by the American Red Cross. Please save the date and donate the gift of life. Advance sign-up is required. Point of contact is Chris Carter, (256) 852-7815 or 655-4945.



Pictures of Our Babies, Past and Present



Lady Evelyn's Wardrobe



Pastor and Lady Evelyn entering the museum

*Pastor's 25th Anniversary
Museum. Theme: "What A
Pastor Looks Like".
Saturday, January 29, 2011
Progressive Union Family
Christian Life Center.*



Nicholas Watford performing a saxophone solo



Church Life Pictures



Lady Evelyn and Family - Past and Present



Portrait of our Pastor painted by Elaine Nelson, on the right. Also Deacons James Holmes and James Smith



Pastor and Lady Evelyn touring the museum



Enjoying refreshments, Brenda Schumake and Brandon Gordon



Rev. Clarence Johnson viewing one of the scrapbooks



Pastor and Lady Evelyn entering the banquet



Rev. Julius Scruggs, Banquet Speaker



Presentation by Councilmen Showers and Culver

*Pastor's 25th Anniversary Banquet.
Theme: "A Star Studded Affair".
Friday, February 4,
2011,
J's Special Event Center.*



Presentation by Commissioner Robert 'Bob' Harrison



Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Snodgrass, son, Israel and Mother Georgia Snodgrass



The Grandchildren, left to right, Isaiah, Chrisytlle, Ashriel



Mistress of Ceremonies
Sister Violet Edwards



Banquet Attendees



Praise Dancers Alaina Douglas (left) and Brianna Luter (right)



Sister Baraka Truss giving a tribute



Special guest music: Thomas Mercer and Joy Bryant with the Progressive Union Praise Team



1st SDA Church Inspirational Choir and the Progressive Union Praise Team



Cleveland and Antoinette Wilson and Israel Snodgrass



Sister Carrie Oats, Guest Speaker



Pastor and Lady Evelyn

Lady Evelyn Night Saturday, February 5, 2011



Presentation from the church to the Pastor and Lady Evelyn by Deacon Larry DeJarnett



Junior Brotherhood Presentation



Sharon Overton and Lady Evelyn



Lady Evelyn Night Refreshments





**25th Pastoral
Anniversary
Sunday Worship
Services
February 6, 2011**



In Tune

Progressive Union M.B. Church Youth Ministry
(Ages 3 to 18)

What We Did in 2010...



- * Ice Skating * **Honored Teachers** *
- * *Celebrated Easter* * **TWO-WEEKS VBS** *
- * Youth Week Study & Revival *
- * *Mother & Son Banquet* * **YOUTH & CHILDREN CHURCH** *
- * 2nd Sunday Service Participation (SSSP) *
- * *Youth Scavenger Hunt* * **Retreat** *
- * **BACK-TO-SCHOOL CONFERENCE** *
- * Tutoring * AHGE Study Material *
- * **VOLUNTEERED @ CHRISTMAS CHARITIES** *
- * *TOY GIVE-AWAY* * **CHRISTMAS PLAY** *
- * **OT & NT Clubs** * **BIBLE STUDY** *

Register YOUR youth today to Join us in 2011

(All PU youth ages 3 to 18 should register)

Youth's Name: _____ Birthday ____/____/____

School: _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Submit or Email above information to Wanda Rice immediately - wandarice@aol.com

Witness

2011 Teen Retreat

REGISTER NOW AND SAVE YOUR SPOT (AGES 13 TO 18)

YOUTH'S NAME: _____

BIRTHDAY: ___/___/___

SCHOOL: _____

GRADE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$50

See Sis Wanda Rice for info - wanda.rice@aol.com

TEENS

START SAVING FOR FALL RETREAT NOW

Donations
Accepted

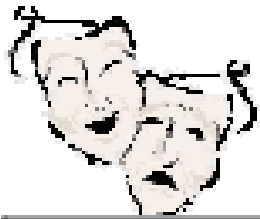
YOUTH RETREAT - OCTOBER, 2011
FOR AGES 13 TO 18
COST \$200 PER TEEN

SUBMIT: \$50 REGISTRATION FEE
THEN PAY \$25/MONTH
(MARCH 2011 THRU SEPTEMBER 14, 2011)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Progressive Union Youth
MEMO - 2011 Youth Retreat

SEE MRS. RICE - [WANDARICE@AOL.COM](mailto:wanda.rice@aol.com) - 256/651-6303

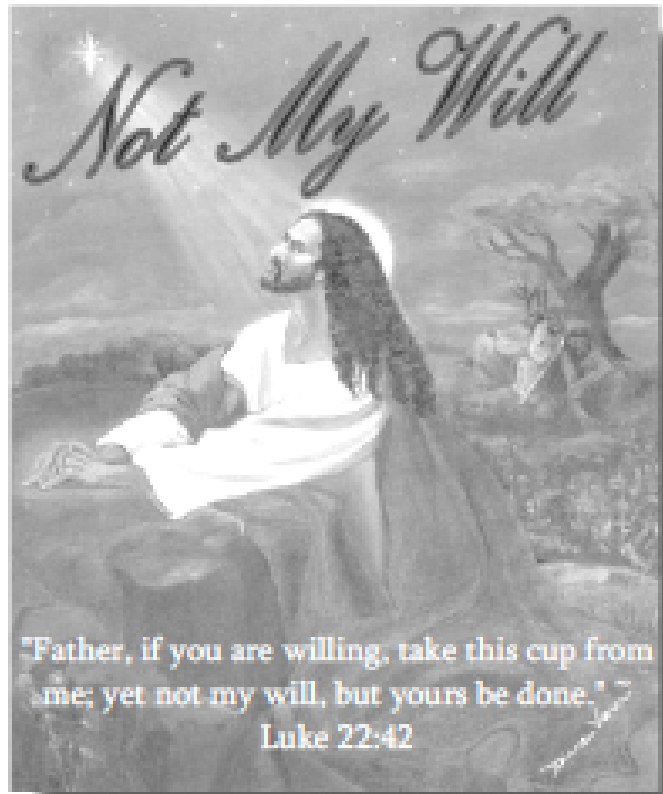




**Annual Music & Drama Ministry
Easter Production
Rehearsals**

Contact: wandarice@aol.com or 256-651-6303

Actors and Actresses (speaking & non-speaking parts), **Dancers, Stage Crews, Script Assistants, Narrators**



**Friday, April 22, 2011, 7pm
Progressive Union M.B. Church**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS (92)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
SAMANTHA OKORO	03/01
MICHELLE COOK	03/01
VIVIAN LEWIS	03/01
MIN. PRISCILLA WHITMAN	03/02
ANTHONY EDWARDS	03/02
INGER RIDEOUT	03/02
ZACHARY POPE	03/03
BRIDGET HOLLIS	03/03
VIOLET EDWARDS	03/03
LEONOR JEFFERSON	03/04
WILLIE BROWN	03/06
JAYDEN HYTER	03/06
JAMES KILLEBREW	03/06
JASMIN CARTHEN	03/07
JEREMY BRACKETT	03/07
JORDAN HARRIS	03/07
ROBERT HARRISON	03/08
TERRIE WILLIAMS	03/08
ELIJAH BRIDGES	03/09
THORNTON STANLEY, SR.	03/09
JO G. MILEY	03/09
BELINDA WOODS	03/09
LARRY MATTHEWS	03/09
BRIANA SMITH	03/09
HALIE CRUTCHER	03/10
KENCETTA JONES	03/10
KENDAL CUNNINGHAM	03/10
AMAYA DIXON	03/10
ETHEL EDWARDS	03/10
KEITH HAMILTON	03/11
WARDELL WILKINS	03/11
JASMINE SLAUGHTER	03/11
JAMES HOBBS	03/12
DEAN JOHNSON	03/12
PAYDEN CLAY	03/12
EDRINA POPE	03/14
JESSICA NEWTON	03/14
BESSIE WINNS	03/14
VICTORIA WATKINS	03/15
SHANTEL ROBINSON	03/15
KENYA TARVER	03/16
NATASHA HAMMOND	03/16
KIMARI MARTIN	03/16
TEVAREUS CRUTCHER	03/16
JASMINE HILL	03/16
JAYDON HILL	03/16
PERNISHIA CHANEY	03/16
ANGELA JORDAN	03/17
KENNETHIA MCCRAY	03/18
JAYDEN MINISEE	03/18
CAROLYN VAUGHN	03/19
SASHA MACLIN	03/19
OCTAVIA OLIVER	03/19
JASON JONES	03/20
BROCK CABLE	03/20
VIVIAN LYLE	03/20
JERROD PARKER	03/20
KALEB LEWIS	03/20
MARY SMITH	03/21
CAMBRI DAVIS	03/21
NATALIE FLETCHER	03/22
CHARLOTTE MCDONALD	03/22
JAMEL CARTER	03/22
MARY STANLEY	03/23
WARREN JOHNSON	03/23
LUZINE CLEMONS	03/23
ANTHONY MCADORY	03/24
EARL SMITH	03/24

MARCH BIRTHDAYS (92)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MATTIE FORD	03/24
SHAQUILA WILLIE	03/24
JONATHAN REESE	03/24
DOROTHY MATTHEWS	03/25
VONETTA HOLT	03/25
ADA FRAZIER	03/25
JASON MINISEE	03/25
NORMA JONES	03/27
DEBRA NIX	03/27
NESHONNE MCDONALD	03/27
JACQUELYN SMITH	03/28
CYNTHIA PRINGLE	03/29
DMITRI NORWOOD	03/29
GLENDA WEEKLY	03/29
MYLES TERRY	03/29
AUSTIN HARRIS	03/30
HORACE GREEN	03/30
BRUCE BURKS	03/30
KATIE MORRIS	03/31
NATASHI BLACKBURN	03/31
JOSEPH JENKINS	03/31
CRYSTAL O'NEAL	03/31
ALARIC HUGHES	03/31

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES (20)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
MR. & MRS. BERNARD MILLER	03/02
MR. & MRS. DWIGHT FIELD	03/02
MR. & MRS. ERIC SIMS	03/03
MR. & MRS. FELIX LANIER, SR.	03/05
MR. & MRS. VINSON LEWIS	03/09
MR. & MRS. ROLONDO MOORE	03/13
MR. & MRS. ZACHERY POPE	03/13
MR. & MRS. JOE ALLEN	03/14
MR. & MRS. ANTHONY LESLIE	03/15
MR. & MRS. RICKEY HAWKINS	03/15
MR. & MRS. ALIEX ALEXANDER	03/18
MR. & MRS. LEVERN WILSON	03/19
MR. & MRS. BOBBY RUCKER	03/22
MR. & MRS. KENNETH TURNER, II	03/22
MR. & MRS. NAPOLEON LUTER	03/24
MR. & MRS. DESMAN HOLT	03/25
MR. & MRS. ROBERT ARNOLD	03/25
MR. & MRS. JACK WALKER, JR.	03/26
MR. & MRS. JEFFERY JOHNSON	03/27
MR. & MRS. COREY JORDAN	03/28

NEW MEMBERS (9)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>
THOMAS WINNS	02/06
MCKENZIE AYCOX	02/13
ERIC ROBERTSON	02/13
MARION SCRUGGS	02/13
MINNIE SCRUGGS	02/13
CHAUNTIA ROBINSON	02/20
COREY ROBINSON	02/20
LATONYA ROBINSON	02/20
MIKHAIL TURNER	02/27

BAPTISMS (0)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE BAPTIZED</u>
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March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Ushers/Greeters Meeting 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	2 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Titus II Meeting 12:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Easter Production Choir Rehearsal 7:45-8:45 p.m.	3 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	4	5 Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.
6	7 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	8 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	9 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Easter Production Choir Rehearsal 7:45-8:45 p.m.	10 P.U.P.P. Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Youth/Young Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	11	12 Mothers/ Deaconess Meeting 10:00 a.m. Prom 411 11:00 a.m. (See page 3 for details)
13 Daylight Saving Time Begins Titus II Group Whitesburg Manor Visitation-2:00 p.m. Pastor, Choir and Church to Rev. Larry Davidson's Pastoral Anniversary 3:00 p.m.	14 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	15 Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	16 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Easter Production Choir Rehearsal 7:45-8:45 p.m.	17 Security Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Voices of Praise Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	18	19 Visitation Ministry 9:30 a.m. Male Chorus to Little Indian Creek Church Musical Pro- gram 6:00 p.m.
20 Voices of Praise to Taylor's Chapel Church- Elizabeth 'Tina' Derrick's Musi- cian Apprecia- tion Program 2:00 p.m.	21 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Jr. Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	22 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	23 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Easter Production Choir Rehearsal 7:45-8:45 p.m.	24 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Male Chorus Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	25	26 Junior and Senior Ushers Training 10:00 a.m. Praise Dance Rehearsal 12:00 noon
27 4th Sunday Evening Worship Services 6:00 p.m.	28 Sweet Hour of Prayer 7:00 a.m. Music Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Brotherhood 6:30 p.m.	29 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	30 Midday Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Easter Production Choir Rehearsal 7:45-8:45 p.m.	31 Praise Team 5:30 p.m. Mass Ensemble Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Apr 1	Apr 2 Nurses Guild Meeting 9:00 a.m.